

Pray First, Day 9 - Return

Hosea 14:1-4 NKJV

1 O Israel, return to the Lord your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity; 2 Take words with you, And return to the Lord. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips. 3 Assyria shall not save us, We will not ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, 'You are our gods.' For in You the fatherless finds mercy." 4 "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him.

Sometimes we get overwhelmed. Life can be challenging and difficult. It can be busy and stressful. Not only that, we can experience disappointment and discouragement because of mistakes or failures. There are a number of things that can set us back.

Sometimes, we get caught up in the pursuit of riches and the desire for things. Other times we follow the idols of pop culture, false gods, and doctrines of demons.

We can stumble and falter. But when we do, we can turn to God and find healing. Instead of anger, we find love. Instead of iniquity, we find grace.

Whenever we find ourselves distant from God and His purposes for our lives, we simply need to return to Him. So no matter where you find yourselves today, let's seek to go back to the place where God is first in our lives. Let us return to Him. In His presence we find mercy, healing, and love.

Prayer example:

"Heavenly Father I thank You for salvation. Please forgive me of my wanderings and my failures, my mistakes and my confusions. For all the ways I have gone off track and have stumbled I stop and turn to You. Show me Your mercy. Heal me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and let me abide anew in Your love. Amen."